

STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST NINE CONTRACTORS

LAS VEGAS, NV – At its meeting February 21 and 22, 2001, the Nevada State Contractors' Board adjudicated cases against nine licensed contractors.

Gerald Looney, license number 41905 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for acting in the capacity of a contractor under a name other than the name on the license; unlawful use, assignment or transfer of a license; fraudulent or deceitful act; aiding or abetting an unlicensed person; combining or conspiring with an unlicensed person; and acting as an agent for an unlicensed person. The Board revoked the license of Gerald Looney.

Image Environmental Group, license number 36304 (Landscape Contracting) based out of North Las Vegas was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for abandoning a construction project; acting beyond the scope of his license; failure to pay for materials and services, failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to notify the Board of a change of address. The Board revoked the license of Image Environmental Group.

M E C Contracting Inc., license number 47203 (Electrical Contracting), based out of Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for failure to pay for materials and services; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of M E C Contracting.

R N T Construction Inc., license number 44384 (Residential and Small Commercial), based out of Boulder City, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to pay for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a corrective order; failure to notify the Board of a change of address; failure to replace the qualified employee within 30 days; and failure to include the license number and monetary limit on a contract. The Board revoked the license of R N T Construction Inc.

Vincent Development, license number 16170 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Henderson, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for failure to include his license number and monetary limit on a contract or bid. The licensee was fined \$500 and assessed the cost of the investigation.

Chapman & Associates Inc., license number 44983 based out of Las Vegas, NV had its license summarily suspended based on a finding that the licensee is a risk to the public. The Board granted a continuance of the scheduled hearing. The Board acted under a provision of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624.291 which gives the Board authority to suspend the license of a contractor without a hearing if the board finds, based upon evidence in its possession, that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires summary suspension of the license. A hearing on the matter will be held in the near future.

Budget Painting and Drywall, license number 47210 (Painting, Wallcovering, Taping and Finishing and Drywall) based out of Henderson, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship and failure to comply with a notice to correct. The Board revoked the license of Budget Painting and Drywall.

Dependable Painting, license number 28605 (Painting and Decorating) based out of Henderson, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624 for substandard workmanship and failure to include his monetary limit on a contract. The Licensee was fined \$750 and assessed the costs of the investigation. A permanent letter of reprimand will be placed in the licensee's file.

Sun Gold Development, license number 34201 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of North Las Vegas, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) for failure to pay for materials and services and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license of Sun Gold Development.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a [License Check](#)

by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.

3. Get three references, and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
9. Don't pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on March 6, 2001.